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The Honorable Paul Simon  
United States Senate  
462 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Simon:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Samuel D. Hiller, Sheriff, Perry County, regarding the Commission's Billed Party Preference (BPP) proceeding. On May 19, 1994, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in this proceeding. I have enclosed a copy of the Further Notice and press release accompanying it for your information.

The Further Notice sets forth a detailed cost/benefit analysis of BPP. This analysis indicates, based on the available data, that the benefits of BPP to consumers would exceed its costs. The Further Notice seeks comment on this analysis and asks interested parties to supplement the record concerning the costs and benefits of BPP. The Further Notice also invites parties to recommend alternatives to BPP that could produce many of the same benefits at a lower cost.

The Further Notice also explicitly seeks comment on whether correctional facility telephones should be exempt if BPP is adopted. Specifically, the Further Notice seeks additional information on the effectiveness and costs of controlling fraud originating on inmate lines with or without BPP. The Further Notice also seeks comment on a proposal to exempt prison telephones from BPP if the operator service provider adheres to rate ceilings for inmate calling services.

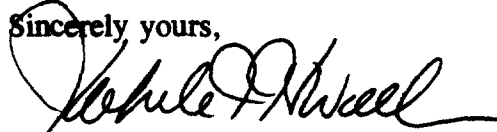
BPP would not preclude prison officials from blocking or limiting inmate calls to specific telephone numbers in order to prevent threatening and harassing calls. Moreover, BPP would not affect the ability of prison officials to limit inmates to collect calling or to program telephone equipment at the prison site to block certain numbers.

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Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. I can assure you that the Commission will carefully examine all of the comments submitted in response to the Further Notice, including additional empirical data regarding the costs and benefits of implementing BPP and the impact of BPP on telephone service from correctional facilities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M.H. Wallman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kathleen M.H. Wallman  
Chief  
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The Honorable Paul Simon  
United States Senate  
250 W. Cherry Street  
Carbondale, IL 62901

Dear Senator Simon:

Thank you for contacting our office on behalf of your constituent Samuel D. Hiller, and his concerns about CC Docket 92-77.

Your inquiry is being forwarded to the office of Chief, Field Operations Bureau for coordination with the appropriate staff at our headquarters office in Washington, D.C. You should receive a response within the next 30 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "GMM".

G. Michael Moffitt  
Engineer in Charge

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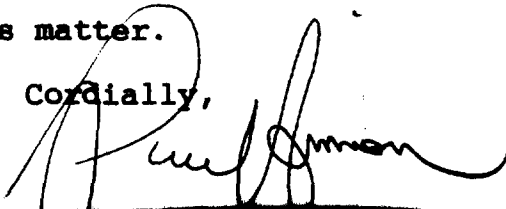

Dear friend:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration.

Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply.

Thanks for the help in this matter.

Cordially,

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August 5, 1994

Honorable Senator Paul Simon  
250 W. Cherry Street  
Room 115B  
Carbondale, IL 62901

Dear Honorable Senator Simon:

Enclosed are my comments on the FCC "Billed Party Preference" proposal CC Docket 92-77. I am opposed to the proposal and am seeking your support in opposition to the FCC proposal.

Thank you for your time, please advise me of your position on the issue.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel D. Hiller  
Sheriff of Perry County

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 ) CC Docket 92-77  
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COMMENTS OF PERRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ILLINOIS

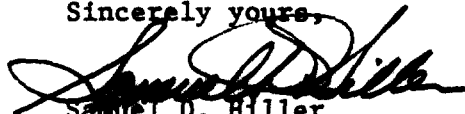
The proposed Billed Party Preference would adversely effect the control and operation of inmate communications via telephone if adapted. The major areas of concern are as follows:

1. The telephone system can no longer be supervised by correction personnel.
2. The ability to prevent victim and witness harassment will be lost.
3. Additional personnel will be needed to provide even minimal inmate telephone service as opposed to the current automatic system.
4. The ability to block telephone numbers (administrative, states attorney, sheriff etc.) will be lost.
5. Duration of calls will no longer be possible and one inmate can totally control the system.
6. Income derived from the inmate system, that goes to the inmate commissary, will be lost. Inmates will lose televisions, exercise equipment, etc. as they fail.
7. Cost to inmates families will increase for calls received.
8. Fraud will occur and the facility will be liable although we do not control the system.

With these concerns I also questioned who is going to pay for this proposal.

I emphatically state my opposition to this matter and ask the FCC to do the same.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel D. Hiller  
Sheriff of Perry County

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